

Housing

Q If a Soldier has to move from Giebelstadt to a new community (Illesheim or Katterbach) can they request to move into private rental housing in the new community?

A **DPW: Yes, through the gaining community housing office.**

Q Can a Soldier stay in housing at Giebelstadt and drive to Illesheim (a paired community)? If so will they receive any assistance? Extra money, gas coupons, etc.?

A **DPW: Yes, with gaining command approval. There are no provisions for housing to provide any assistance other than housing. This also depends on exactly where they live in Giebelstadt (i.e. leased, private rental etc)**

Q Can a Soldier stay in housing at Giebelstadt and drive to Katterbach (a non-paired community)? Will they receive any assistance?

A **DPW: Yes, with gaining command approval. There are no provisions for housing to provide any assistance other than housing. This also depends on exactly where they live in Giebelstadt (i.e. leased, private rental etc)**

Q How long can a Soldier remain in Giebelstadt/ Wurzburg housing?

A **DPW: Until they receive orders to depart the community**

Q. What is housing availability, by type in Illesheim and Katterbach, during the MFAB rebasing window? Who do we need to contact to receive updated information?

A **DPW: Illesheim: DSN 467-4523. Anbach/Katterbach: DSN 467-2970.**

Q If a Soldier is moving to a new community when can they start looking at housing in that community? (Illesheim or Katterbach)

A. **DPW: Upon receipt of orders.**

EFMP

Q. Will Katterbach or Illesheim increase EFMP facilities to meet the current capability of Wurzburg?

A **MEDDAC: No; there are no plans at present to increase personnel, infrastructure, or available services at Illesheim or Katterbach. Similarly, there are no plans to cease EMFP screenings in the WMEDDAC footprint in the immediate future. WMEDDAC does not have a date to cease any of its services. There are plans to build up services in the Graf / Vilseck community, however, due to future population growth there. Potentially, if WMEDDAC ever does close its doors, Landstuhl or the Graf / Vilseck area will assume these screenings. Regardless of WMEDDAC's future status, EFMP screenings will continue in USARUER.**

Facilities

Q When will the facilities on Gieb close? PX, Commissary, Auto craft center, etc.

A **AAFES: Closure of all AAFES operations will be based on when we are notified of an exact date of the troops departure.**

DECA: The commissary will stay open until the last soldier leaves the community. Usually the commissary does not close until one or two months before the base is turned back to the German community. As long as there are customers (soldiers) to serve we will be open.

DMWR: At this time facilities will remain open as long as there is a need and staffing is available.

Q If I am living at Giebelstadt and working in another location (Illesheim or Katterbach) can I choose where my children are enrolled in school?

A **DoDDS: Not exactly. The school that a student will be assigned is based on where the sponsor and student reside, not where the sponsor works. There is a possibility to request an "Exception to the Feeder Plan", which is available at every school office. These exceptions must be approved by the superintendent, and approval is not automatic.**

Q Same question as above but as it relates to the Child Development Center.

A **DMWR: As long as there are spaces available, you can enroll your child in any center.**

Q How long is Wurzburg projected to stay open for housing?

A **DPW: Government owned Housing is expected to remain open in the Leighton Barracks area until the closure of Bamberg, which is quite a few years down the road.**

Q As the Wurzburg hospital reduces services will they be replicated in other areas?

A **MEDDAC: WMEDDAC does not have a date to cease any of its services. If it is ever called to do so, those services will be replicated at Landstuhl, Heidelberg, Graf / Vilseck, or in the host nation facilities, depending upon the service request.**

Q Will a new PX, Commissary, Hospital be built in the Katterbach/ Illesheim communities?

A **AAFES: We have no information on hand that shows any planned new construction of AAFES operations. We do know that new shopping centers are being built in the EUCOM and Grafenwoher locations in FY 07.**

DECA: There are no official plans to build a new commissary in the Illesheim/Katterbach area. The desire has been expressed to have a new store in this area and a few unofficial meetings have taken place to discuss it, however as stated there are no official plans.

DOL: IMA-E has commissioned a long range master plan for the Ansbach/Illesheim area. This master plan does show a new PX/Commissary area. However, this is just a plan and has not come close to being approved. At this time, we are not knowledgeable of any immediate plans for known upgrades in these areas.

Employment

Q If a spouse decided to (or is forced to) move to a new community, and they are currently employed in the local community, will they receive the spousal hiring preference again when they move?

A **CPAC: IAW USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 690-300.301 para 7-2a(2) Military Spouse Preference (MSP) may be used once after each PCS. Therefore, if a military spouse PCSs to a new duty location, he/she would be entitled to MSP within the commuting area of the sponsor after the PCS.**

OTHERS

Q What adjustments are being made by DODDS to absorb the influx of new school age children into Illesheim / Katterbach?

A **DoDDS: Currently, all of the schools in the footprint of the Ansbach Garrison are under projection, but are staffed for their projected enrollment. In other words, the schools have more staff than is required for the current enrollment. We believe that we can accommodate all of the incoming families from Giebelstadt. However, DoDDS responds to estimates of enrollment changes that are provided to us by the military command. To date, we have received no information from the 12th AVN Bde to allow us to make accurate estimates of enrollments in Ansbach.**

Q How is USAG Franconia postured to handle the summer exodus of PCSing soldiers?

A **DOL: USAG Franconia is postured to handle any and all workloads concerning the shipment of household goods and POVs. The DOLs continuously remind Soldiers and commanders that the key to a smooth move is advanced planning and notification to the Personal Property Processing office. The IMA-E Consolidated Personal Property Shipping Office in Grafenwoehr monitors carrier industry capacity and makes adjustments as required during peak moving season. With proper individual advanced planning, all Soldiers should depart with the requested date of household goods pickup.**

During the May/June 05 PCS surge when Stop Loss was lifted, we did not experience any capacity shortfalls. Any personal property shipping delays were a direct result of last minute scheduling because some Soldiers waited until the last moment or were unable to schedule early because of lack of PCS orders.

In short:

- At community information events (CRTs, Town Hall Mtgs, etc), we continue to emphasize the importance of early planning and scheduling.**
- DOL Traffic Manager is already obtaining personal property information from units in order to anticipate surge requirements.**
- We have contacted 38th PSB and have alerted the chain of command that the key to a successful move is the timely issuance of PCS orders.**
- We are maintaining contact with the Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) contractor to ensure that increased personnel and equipment assets will be in place at the beginning of the summer exodus.**

Q Is Landstuhl going to start seeing just military members (no dependants)?

A **MEDDAC: No; there has been no mention of this whatsoever.**

Q I am a Soldier who will leave Giebelstadt (ETS or PCS) in October / November/ December of 2006. Can I help the ASG shut down Giebelstadt? If so where will I be assigned?

A. **DPTMS: Absolutely. Current plan is to assign Soldiers to Sub Garrison Wuerzburg until PCS / ETS date.**